

WATER BOARD COMMUNICATION



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Subject: Update on 2014 Water Legislation

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Suggested Action: Receive update concerning tracking of 2014 Water Legislation.

The Second Regular Session of the Sixty-ninth Colorado General Assembly convened January 8, 2014 and is scheduled to adjourn on May 7, 2014. Each month during the 2014 Legislative Session, staff will provide Water Board with a list of current water related Legislation Bills Longmont is tracking. For additional Legislative information visit Water Board's Legislative Affairs web page located at http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/pwww/water_board/legislativeaffairs.htm. From this page the Board can access the 2014 Legislative Guiding Water Principals, Prior Water Board Legislative Communications, prior Issue Briefs, City Managers' Legislative Affairs web page, link to the Colorado General Assembly home page.

Listed below are the 2014 water related legislation bills City of Longmont is currently tracking. Status on these bills will be discussed with Water Board at its March 17, 2014 regular meeting. Throughout the 2014 Legislative Session, as additional water related bills are introduced, staff will add these bills to the list below. For March 2014, staff added two additional water related bills, SB14-142 and SB14-147.

Water Related Legislation Bills – 2014

House Bill #	General Description	City Position	Bill Status
HB14-1002	Concerning the establishment of a grant program under the "Colorado Water Quality Control Act" to repair water infrastructure impacted by a natural disaster and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.	Support	Introduced In Senate 3-5-14
HB14-1005	Concerning clarification of the requirements applicable to a change of point of water diversion.	Support	Prepared for Signatures 3-5-14



HB14-1026	Concerning the authorization of flexible water markets.	Monitor	Introduced In Senate 2-5-14
HB14-1028	Concerning a limitation on the United States' ability to impose conditions on a water right owner in exchange for permission to use land.	Monitor	Introduced In Senate 2-26-14
HB14-1030	Concerning the establishment of incentives for the development of hydroelectric energy systems.	Monitor	Introduced in Senate 2-17-14
HB14-1218	Concerning the use of surface water to replace out-of-priority groundwater depletions without requiring additional Water Court approval pursuant to a streamlined approach adopted by the State Engineer as a Pilot Project.	Monitor	Postpone Indefinitely
HB14-1219	Concerning clarification that the obligation of a local government to maintain at its own expense a structure that allows water to cross the path of a highway without interfering with travel on the highway does not require the local government to bear the costs of constructing any new structure or completely reconstructing or replacing any existing structure.	Oppose	Postpone Indefinitely

Senate Bill #	General Description	City Position	Bill Status
SB14-017	Concerning a limitation on the approval of real estate developments that use water rights decreed for agricultural purposes to irrigate lawn grass.	Monitor	Introduced in House 2-24-14
SB14-023	Concerning an authorization of the voluntary transfer of water efficiency savings to the Colorado Water Conservation Board for instream use purposes in water divisions that include lands west of the continental divide.	Monitor	Senate 2 nd Reading Laid Over Daily 3-12-14
SB14-025	Concerning grants for domestic wastewater treatment works for small communities.	Monitor	Signed by Governor 2-27-14
SB14-026	Concerning the removal of certain statutory printing requirements for information provided by the division of water resources.	Monitor	Signed by Governor 2-19-14
SB14-072	Concerning treatment of the September 2013 floods as replacing certain out-of-priority groundwater depletions in Water Division 1.	Monitor	Postpone Indefinitely
SB14-103	Concerning the phase-out of the sale of certain low-efficiency plumbing fixtures.	Monitor	Introduced in House 2-21-14
SB14-105	Concerning the elimination of the requirement that a portion of the fees collected for the water resources cash fund be transferred to the state general fund.	Monitor	Sent to Governor 3-13-2014
SB14-115	Concerning procedural requirements applicable to state water plans.	Monitor	Introduced In Senate 1-27-14

SB14-134	Concerning the repeal of statutory fee schedules applicable to water quality.	Monitor	Postpone Indefinitely
SB14-142	Concerning an exception for certain water system facilities from the facilities that the commissioner of Agriculture has a duty to inspect regarding pesticide storage.	Monitor	Introduced In House 2-26-14
SB14-147	Concerning a study to determine the impact of increased alluvial well pumping in District 2 of Water Division 1.	Monitor	Introduced In Senate 2-17-14

Senate Joint Resolution #	General Description	City Position	Bill Status
SJR14-004	Concerning approval of water project revolving fund eligibility lists administered by the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority.	Support	Signed by Governor 3-07-14